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Paper No. 8

In re application of : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Randy Mersky, et al. : **TO MAKE SPECIAL**  
Application No. 09/931,187 : **(APPLICANT'S AGE)**  
Filed: August 17, 2001 :  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING  
MANUAL PAYMENTS FOR TRANSACTIONS  
CONDUCTED OVER A NETWORK

This is a decision on the petition submitted on October 2, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.102 (c) to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age. The delay in deciding this petition is regretted.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

An application may be accorded special status upon the filing of a petition providing evidence showing that the applicant is at least 65 years old. Such a showing may be provided by evidence such as a birth certificate or a statement from the applicant.

The evidence submitted with the petition is a photocopy of a drivers license but with the name of "Milton Mersky". The co-inventors name, as indicated and signed to in the declaration, is that of "Randy Mersky". There is no evidence in the file record which would indicate that these people are one in the same.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above. Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

**SUMMARY:** Petition to Make Special **DISMISSED**.



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